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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 4, 6, 8, 10-11, 13, 15, 17-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's amendment filed 8/22/08 is acknowledged. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17-19 and 20-24 remain pending. Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 and 16 have been canceled. Claims 2, 4, 17 and 20-24 were previously withdrawn.

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/22/08 has been entered.

Claim Objections

Claim 15 is objected to because claim 15 depends upon a canceled claim 14. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 10-11, 13, 15 and 18-19 are under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AU Patent No. 200223231 to Nagle in view of US Patent No. 6,042,080 to Shepherd et al. and further in view of US Patent No. 6,290,377 to Hulse

As to claims 1, 6, 8, 10-11, 13-15 and 18-19, Nagle teaches a telescopic support pole for supporting a cable above the ground or floor at construction sites and in factories comprising a base (19); at least one or more telescopic segments (25) connected to the base that extend and retract in a telescopic configuration; a cable receptacle (28) attached to an end portion of one of a final segment of the telescopic segment; the cable receptacle having a generally U-shaped cross-section for receiving cable.

The Nagle device differs from claim 1 and 19 of the present invention in that it is not provided with at least one attachment device in the base, wherein the attachment device is an adhesive to adhere the base to the attachment surface.

Shepherd et al. teaches the concept of such. In particular, Shepherd teaches an adhesive attachment device (magnet base 14 (magnets 20 retained within the base 14 via adhesive, for example) for removably attachable to a magnetically attachment plate/surface such as surface 90, 90' or 102 (see Figs 15-17, or col. 10, lines 10-63) for example). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a an adhesive attachment device on the Nagle base as taught by Shepherd et al. in order to provide a base which is stable, inexpensive and simple to set up with minimal effort and readily removable and transportable.

Nagle and Sepherd et al combined demonstrated all the claims features of Applicant's invention except for a control system installed in the base and operative associated with the cable, wherein the control system is configured for receiving instructions communicated through at least one wireless communication media; a

portable communication device configured to provide instructions to control system through at least a wireless communication media, and at least one mechanical driving mechanism such as "gears, chains, belts, ball bearings, and/or other like components" (Applicant's specification, page 8, [0024]) connected to the final segment of the telescopic segments and operatively coupled to respond the control system to enable the telescoping action; and an electric generator power source providing electric power to the cable drop support system to cause extension and retraction of the telescopic segments from instructions received from the control system.

Hulse teaches the concept of such. Hulse teaches a control system (Fig. 2, and Fig. 5 in general) for displacing the mast 10 sections between the retracted and extended positions and a mechanical arrangement for pivoting the mast between generally horizontal and vertical positions. The mechanical arrangement includes a drive mechanism 585, 586, etc. operable independently from the pneumatic control system which is capable of securely maintaining the mast at any desired angle between the horizontal and vertical positions; and an electric generator power source (powered by air compressor, connected to the DC power source (battery supply means which is typical 24 volt-supply) and the mechanism providing electric power to the cable drop support system to cause extension and retraction of the telescopic segments from instructions received from the control system.—it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to provide a control system operative associated with the cable wherein the control system is configured for receiving instructions communicated through at least one communication media, and a portable

communication device configured to provide instructions to control system through at least one communication media and at least one mechanical driving mechanism operatively coupled to respond the control system to enable the telescoping action on the Nagle as modified telescopic support pole as taught by Brown Jr. in order to allow the user to remotely control the telescopic action through wireless medium to a computer system which instructs the driving mechanism to extend the telescoping segments so that the height of the pole can be automatically adjusted depending the conditions of use.

Nevertheless, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide an automatic control means which in this case a control system and a portable communication device such as a telephone operatively associated with the telescopic segments of the pole or mass and the mechanical driving mechanism operatively coupled to respond to the control system to enable the telescopic action, since it has been held that broadly providing a mechanical or automatic means to replace manual activity, which has accomplished the same result involves only routine skill in the art. In re Venner, 120 USPQ 192.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/22/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The new ground of rejection is necessitated by the amendment

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-6818. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. through Fri. from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allen J. Shriver can be reached on (571) 272-6689. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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